

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Before claim 1, change ~~claims~~ to 1 CLAIM:

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and substitute claims 21-25 respectively therefor:

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

21. (new) Process for producing a breathable roofing underlayment comprising a sheetlike carrier (1), for example a base nonwoven, airstream- and watertight yet water vapour pervious by a membrane (2) applied to the carrier (1), wherein the membrane is a hotmelt adhesive film (2) applied not directly to the carrier (1), comprising the steps of

applying continuously to a carrier structure, for example a base nonwoven (1), a membrane (2), wherein the carrier (1) has directly applied thereto a slot-extruded film (2) of a hotmelt adhesive.

22. (new) Process according to claim 21, further comprising the step of passing the carrier (1) and the film (2) through a nip of rolls (6, 7).

23. (new) Process according to claim 22, further comprising the step of pressing the film (2) by pressure of the nip into voids (3) in the carrier (1).

24. (new) Process according to claim 22, further comprising the step of providing an embossing structure to either one or both of the rolls (6, 7).

25. (new) Process according to claim 22, further comprising the step of passing into the nip a top nonwoven (4) and a reinforcing grid (8) as well as the film (2) and the carrier (1).